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This communication is responsive to the Office Communication mailed January 10, 2003 in the above-referenced application.

The Office Communication indicated that the amendment mailed October 18, 2002 did not comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121 because it removes the word "culturing" from claim 13, without indicating its removal in the marked-up version of the claim.

Applicants did not intend to delete the word "culturing" from claim 13, and omission of this word was unintentional. As per the Examiner's instruction, a revised version of the amendment mailed October 18, 2003 is submitted herewith, which amendment includes the corrected claim 13.

The amendment, which was responsive to the Office Action dated April 18, 2002, was timely filed on October 18, 2002 with a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time. Because the Office Communication mailed January 10, 2003 indicates that applicant's response was *bona fide*, the filing of this amendment in order to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c) is timely as it is filed within one month or thirty days of the mailing date of the Communication, which date is February 10, 2003.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. A clean copy of the amended claims appears below with the amended version attached on a document marked "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW